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Examiner: A. Johnstone

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE AND PROCESS FOR MOUNTING TIRE ONTO VEHICLE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 1, 2003 to December 1, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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